



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
January 10, 2007

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack
Mr. Robert Goff
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board
Mr. George Johnson, Statewide Planning
Dr. Patrick Malone
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon
Dr. Ronald Onorato
Mr. Jean Rondeau
Mr. Frederick C. Williamson, Chairman & SHPO

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sharon Allison, Senior Grants Manager
Mr. Jeffrey Emidy, National Register Assistant
Ms. Pamela Kennedy, Deputy Director
Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Ms. Sarah Zurier, Special Projects Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Joseph Dias, representing Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director DEM
Dr. James Garman, NR Review Board
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA
Saul Kaplan, Executive Director, EDC
Ms. Patrice O'Malley Hagan
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom
John P. Leyden, State Building Commissioner
Dr. Patricia Rubertone

GUESTS

Ms. Virginia Adams, PAL
James and Jo Ann Libby, Owners: Ebenezer Howard House

II. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M., Mr. Williamson, presiding.

2. Minutes of December 13, 2006, meeting

On a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Goff, the Commission

VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2006.

3. Executive Director's Report

a) Mr. Sanderson reported distributed the 2007 Commission meeting schedule.

b) Ms. Alison and Mr. Goff reported that a satisfactory credit report was received for the loan borrower and owner of 33 Stimson Avenue, Providence. The RIHPHC loan of \$200,000 will be within the standard of 75 percent equity.

4. National Register Review Board

Mr. Emidy reported that he has investigated the problem with nominations posted on the RIHPHC web site reported by Dr. Malone in December and believes he will be able to correct the situation.

Final Nominations

Wilbor House and Outbuildings, 548 West Main Road, Little Compton

Ms. Kennedy presented information about the complex of historic buildings owned by the Little Compton Historical Society and opened to the public as a museum that interprets agricultural and architectural history. The farmhouse was built in 1690 and remodeled in 1740. An early barn and carriage house remains on the site. In addition, the Little Compton Historical Society has preserved several historic buildings by moving to this site from other locations. These buildings include a 19th-century corn crib, a replica of a documented 1725 peaked-top school building, a 19th-century cookhouse used to cook mash for poultry feed. The boat "Pegotty" (used by artist Sydney Burleigh as an outdoor painting studio) is considered to be part of the Society's collections. Dr. Morenon noted that the site may contain archaeological resources. Following further discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Goff, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the nomination.

Friends Meeting House & Cemetery, 234 West Main Road, Little Compton

Ms. Kennedy presented information about the property, a small meetinghouse constructed in 1815, altered in the 1870s, and restored to its 1815 character. Little Compton originally was part of Plymouth Colony, and a number of Quakers settled in this somewhat remote location. The adjacent burial ground contains several 18th-century gravestones, and additional unmarked burials may be present. Following further discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Dr. Morenon, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the nomination.

Ebenezer Howard House, 1264 Round Top Road, Burrillville

Mr. Emidy presented information about the property, a c.1740 dwelling used in the 19th-century as an inn. A large 19th-century addition has been removed. Following further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Goff, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the nomination.

5. Report on the 2007 Statewide Preservation Conference

Ms. Zurier reported on planning for the 2007 Statewide Preservation Conference to be held in Pawtucket on April 14. The conference theme "Something Old, Something Green," will examine historic preservation as an environmentally sustainable activity. The keynote speaker will be Jean Carroon, a Principal architect at the Boston firm of Goody Clancy. Ms. Carroon is an expert on LEEDS certification and was the preservation architect for the recent restoration of Trinity Church in Boston. Other conference sessions and tours will present information about historic places in the Pawtucket area, recent historic rehabilitation projects, National Register listings, State Preservation Grants projects, and other topics. Mr. Sanderson urged Commissioners to mark their calendars for this event on Saturday, April 14.

6. Other business:

There was no other business.

7. Next meeting date: The next meeting of the Commission will be Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer